

MISSION

The Davidson County Drug Court Program is committed to providing a quality therapeutic community and intensive outpatient treatment that will promote positive change in criminal and addictive behaviors for the purpose of reintegrating adult offenders into society.

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The Davidson County Drug Court Program wishes to be known for creating a model program dedicated to holistically addressing the range of treatment needs of the people we serve. Combined with supervision, the residential program uses a uniquely modified therapeutic community approach which combines treatment and supervision to arrest their addiction and co-morbid mental health disorders to enable them to become productive members of the community. We strive in partnership with the community, to become the creative and comprehensive provider of treatment services in the criminal justice system. We emphasize maintaining a responsive, effective and well-coordinated continuum of care, and we promote a respect for the dignity of our clients and staff. We are committed to professional excellence, integrity and improvement in all we do.

Realizing the Dream

Of all operating Drug Courts in the United States, Davidson County is the “only” self-operated residential drug court known to operate in the entire country. Our goal is to share our concepts with other jurisdictions.

Statement of Non-Discrimination Due to Disability

Davidson County Drug Court does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its program. Information in requesting accommodation and/or auxiliary aids or services can be found at:

www.nashville.gov/finance/support_services/ADA/ada_compliance.htm or by calling the Metropolitan Government ADA office at telephone (615)-862-8744 or TTY (615) 862-8951.

Davidson County Drug Court reserves the right to make appropriate changes as deemed necessary to program procedures and/or policies.

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PROGRAM DISCLAIMER

The material presented in this manual is largely the result of the DC-4's experience in working with the unique treatment modality offered to the residents of the program.

Davidson County Drug Court



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TREATMENT NEEDS OF THE
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- **PARTNERED WITH
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- **EMPHASIZE USING A LONG-
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PROGRAM SERVICES

Intensive Outpatient Program
Individual and Group Counseling
12 Step Program Groups
Psychiatric evaluations
Dual Diagnosis Treatment
Gender specific vocational training
Job Readiness through Community Agencies
GED/Basic Education Training
Life Skills training
Computer Skills classes

PURPOSE

The Davidson County Drug Court Program is a diversionary program that provides for the supervision of non-violent offenders with substance abuse problems combined with intensive treatment and other integrated services. The key to making this program successful is Developing Character During Confinement (DC4). We have successfully developed a therapeutic community that allows offender to address their chemical dependency and mental health issues as well as make modification to their criminal behavior.

History

In 1995, Judge Seth Norman of the Division IV Criminal Court became aware of a program called "drug court" that was attempting to combat the lack of treatment for chemically dependent offenders. The program was offered in the form of Federal grants through the United States Department of justice. Judge Norman submitted application for funding a drug court program in Davidson County. The Davidson County Drug Court started as an outpatient drug treatment program in 1997 and quickly added an inpatient residential program.



Referral Process

Referrals for Drug Court must be clients who have felony offenses, whether in the bound over phase, or a probation violation, or both. The offence(s) do not have to be drug related (i.e. theft, burglary).

When referring a client for Drug Court screening, please allow 4 weeks continuance of the case(s). When referring a client, please provide the following information: Name, date of birth, social security number, case number(s), division case is pending, and the next court date. If client is on bond, referral can be made, the client's record will be run, and if eligible, the client can contact assessor for appointment for assessment.

Assessor will contact counsel upon decision of client's case. All new charges must be pled in court of origin, and the file(s) will be transferred to Division IV by note on judgement. Probation violations will remain open, but transferred to Division IV. Sustaining the violation in court of origin may send the client to CCA/TDOC instead of Division IV.

Developing Character During Confinement

The Davidson County Drug Court Residential Program (DC4) is a long term residential drug and alcohol treatment facility, which operates under the direct supervision of the Division IV Criminal Court in the 20th Judicial District of Tennessee (Nashville/Davidson County). Judge Seth W. Norman presides over both Division IV Criminal Court and DC4.

Eligibility

This is a voluntary program. The Drug Court will not accept any individual unless the District Attorney General and/or sentencing Judge in the county of the conviction agree to the placement.

- Adult males or females convicted of a felony as an adult in Davidson County.
- A non-violent felony offender who was accused of a B,C, D, or E felony under Tennessee Law.
- Must be capable of and willing to participate in Drug Court Programming.

For Referrals to the program, contact:
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